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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Katsunobu Hori, et al.

Application No.: 09/756,846

Filed: January 10, 2001

: **RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**
: **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

: Group Art Unit: 2811

: Examiner: H. Vu

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A LAYERED WIRING STRUCTURE WITH
HARD MASK COVERING

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The following Remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2003, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated January 14, 2003, claims 1-17 were pending in this application. Of those claims, claims 1-5 and 17 have been rejected and claims 6-16 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b).

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached: Petition for Extension of Time (2 months)

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	17	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$410.00
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Total of Above Calculations					\$410.00

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$410.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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